GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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Import of Silk
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of silk imported during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) the details of custom duty imposed on silk during the above period;

(c) whether the Government has taken any measures to improve the quality of indigenous silk; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a): The quantity of silk imported into the country during last three years and the current year are given below:-

Silk Imported during last three years and current year
Quantity in MTs
Years 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16 2016-17
(April-Nov.)
Quantity of Raw Silk Import 3,260 3,489 3,529 2,536

(b): The details of custom duty on silk during the above period is given below:-

Year 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16 2016-17
Basic Custom Duty on imported Raw Silk (%) 15% 15% 10% 10%

(c) & (d): The measures taken by the Government to improve the quality of indigenous silk are given in Annexure-A.

Annexure-A

Measures taken by the Government through Central Silk Board to improve the quality of indigenous silk in the country

(i) Production of Bivoltine Silk: Bivoltine silk is the high quality mulberry silk produced in India as an import substitute silk. The following measures are taken to produce Bivoltine silk in India:-

â€¢ Strengthening the Research & Development system to improve the levels of cocoon production and productivity.
â€¢ During XII Plan, 176 clusters have been organized under Cluster Promotion Programme (CPP) to augment the production of bivoltine silk production in the country. Bivoltine silk production has increased from 1,685 MTs in 2011-12 to 4,613 MTs during 2015-16.
â€¢ Improved mulberry varieties viz. V1, G4, G2 have been developed to promote Bivoltine sericulture.
â€¢ Bivoltine hybrids like CSR2 x CSR4, CSR16 x CSR17, FC1xFC2 & FC3xFC4 have been developed and are being used for production of better quality BV silk in Southern region through-out the year. Two new bivoltine hybrids viz., G11xG19 and B.con1xB.con4 with better yield and adaptation are under popularisation.
â€¢ Cold Storage facilities and Bivoltine grainages have been strengthened to produce quality Bivoltine silkworm seed.
â€¢ Silkworm Seed Act is being implemented to bring quality standards in silkworm seed production to improve the productivity and quality of silk.
â€¢ Intensive Bivoltine Sericulture project at a total cost of Rs.236.78 Cr. implemented in eight North Eastern States from 2015-16 exclusively to promote Bivoltine silk, under North Eastern Region-Textiles Promotion Scheme (NERTPS).
â€¢ Automatic Reeling Units are set up in the country for production of 3A-4A grade raw silk from bivoltine hybrid cocoons.

(ii) Production of Vanya Silk (Muga, Eri and Tasar):

â€¢ Integrated Sericulture Development Project (ISDP): Under North Eastern Region-Textiles Promotion Scheme (NERTPS),

Government has approved 14 Sericulture Project with a total cost of Rs. 523.33 crore (GoI share of Rs. 423.33 crores) for implementation in NE States viz., Assam, Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC), Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura to promote Vanya Silk.

â€¢ CSB has developed latest technology packages, improved farm machineries, indigenous automatic reeling units, Vanya silk reeling and spinning units to reduce drudgery and improve quality and productivity of Vanya silk.

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